CONTACT PARKS AND RECREATION AT 952-563-8877 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS.

GIDEON POND HOUSE

ATTEND THE FOLLOWING EVENTS AT Pond-Dakota Mission Park, 401 E. 104th St. Free historic Pond House tours and guided hiking tours will be available at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Native and contemporary lacrosse demonstrations

Learn how to play lacrosse, America's original pasttime played by the Dakotas. See how the game is played today by local high school and college athletes.

Date: Sunday, May 1.
Time: 1:30 - 4 p.m.

Why the Dakota Indians Converted to Christianity

Nine of John LaBatte's ancestors were involved in the Dakota War of 1862. LaBatte will speak about why many Dakotas converted to Christianity and became active leaders in their various denominations.

Date: May 15.
Time: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY PURCHASE AND PLANT A TREE

HACKBERRY AND RED MAPLE TREES — two and one half inches in diameter — are for sale this spring. Cost is \$50 each. To purchase a tree, call 952-563-8751 or download a form from the City's Web site, www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Tree sale.

MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY IMPROVEMENTS

CREATING A SAFER, MORE STABLE TRAIL



Work began last fall to improve the Minnesota River Valley hiking and biking trail between Parker's Picnic Grounds, 10401 Columbus Rd., and Mound Springs Park, 10201 11th Ave. S. Steeper sections of the existing trail were relocated to create a safer trail and to control erosion that will help stabilize the river valley bluff, reduce trail maintenance costs and improve water quality in Long Meadow Lake. The City developed plans for the improvement project after consulting with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The Minnesota Off-Road Cyclists organization is undertaking trail improvements that include stabilizing the existing trail bed, removing brush to improve sight lines, adding milemarker signs and installing bridge sections over the wetlands and springs. Work is scheduled for completion this spring.

YOUTH SPORTS GET ACTIVE THIS SUMMER

SWIMMING



BUSH LAKE BEACH

9140 E. Bush Lake Road

ENJOY A DAY AT THE BEACH! CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING BETTER TO DO ON A HOT summer day? A daily pass or seasonal parking permit is required for entrance to Bush Lake.

When: June 11 - August 22. Time: Noon - 8 p.m.

New parking permits

New parking permits for Bush Lake Beach will be available for purchase beginning Saturday, April 16. Cost for parking at Bush Lake is \$4 daily or \$25 annually (June through August).* For more information, call Parks and Recreation.

*Pending City Council approval.



BLOOMINGTON FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

301 E. 90th Street

ENJOY ANOTHER SEASON OF FAMILY FUN AT the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center.

Amenities include a zero-depth entry pool, interactive play features, waterslides, diving boards, sand volleyball, bathhouse and concession stand.

\$3.50

wnen:	June 11 - August	21.	
Time:	Noon - 8 p.m.		
Cost:	Age	Daily admission	After 5 p.m.
	Under 1 year	Free	Free
	1 - 5 years	\$4.50	\$3.50
	6 - 54 years	\$6.50	\$4.50

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Season passes

Family (2 people)

Resident: \$70 + \$10 each additional member + tax.

Non-resident: \$125 + \$10 each additional member + tax.

Individual

Resident: \$35 + tax.

Non-resident: \$60 + tax.

Purchase your season passes here:

55+ years

Parks and Recreation office beginning April 25.

Aquatic Center on June 10.

Super Sign-up on April 16.

SUMMER SPECTRUM

AN ARRAY OF ACTIVITIES

SPANNING EIGHT WEEKS, SUMMER SPECTRUM CLASSES WILL FOCUS ON YOUTH entering grades K through 9. Classes and camps will be held at Oak Grove Elementary, 1300 W. 104th St., with limited bus transportation available.

The catalog, mailed to the parents of school age children in Bloomington public schools, is also on our Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: Spectrum. For more information, call Parks and

Recreation.

Summer Spectrum is a program of
Bloomington Public Schools' Community
Education, the City of Bloomington's
Parks and Recreation
Division and the
Bloomington Art Center.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES Dates to remember

Saturday, April 16

Super Sign-up Saturday
Registration for all summer
programs will be held at
Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West
Old Shakopee Road, 9 - 11 a.m.

Wednesday, April 20

Summer program registration continues at Parks and Recreation in Bloomington Civic Plaza.

Friday, June 10

Bloomington Family Aquatic Center and Bush Lake Beach open.

Monday, June 13

Summer Spectrum classes,
Summer Playground program, Tiny
Tots program and Arts in the Parks
series begin.





ADAPTIVE RECREATION AND LEARNING Exchange Cooperative (AR&LE) offers opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in recreation, leisure and community education programs in the four cities of Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina and Richfield.

ADAPTIVE YOUTH SOFTBALL

This program teaches basic rules and good sportsmanship in a non-threatening environment. Siblings and parents are invited to volunteer.

Who: Boys and girls with

When:

Cost:

Register:

disabilities, ages 10 - 18. Monday, June 13 - August 1,

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Where: Tarnhill Park Field #2,

9650 Little Rd. \$45 resident;

\$50 non-resident.

Includes team shirt.

Call Parks and Recreation.

ADAPTIVE ADULT CO-RECREATIONAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

PLAYERS NEED TO BE ABLE TO FOLLOW simple directions and maintain a high interest in softball. Softball experience is not necessary.

Who: Adults, 19 and older.

When: Tuesdays, June 14 - August 2,

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Where: Tarnhill Park, Field #2,

9650 Little Rd.

Cost: \$45 resident;

\$50 non-resident.
Includes team shirt.

Register: Call Parks and Recreation.